

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 19, 2005 has been carefully considered. Claims 1-10, 12-23, 26-32, 36-40 and 42-43 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 24, 25, 33, 41, and 44-45 are currently amended. Claims 24-25, 33-35, 41, and 44-45 are currently pending.

Claim Objections**35 USC § 102**

Claims 1-10, 12-23, 26-32, and 36-40 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102. In order to expedite prosecution, those claims, along with claims 42-43 are cancelled without prejudice. The Office Action indicates that the remaining claims 24, 25, 33-35, 41, and 44-45 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims are amended accordingly and amendments to dependent claims 25 and 45 are made to recite proper dependency.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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